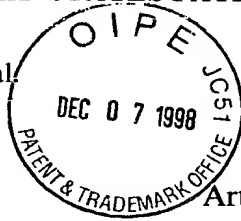


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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 5, 1998, be extended for a period of 3 months from September 5, 1998 to and including December 5, 1998. As December 5, 1998 falls on a Saturday, the accompanying response is timely filed.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$435.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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